

S E C R E THEADQUARTERS #21ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
APO 650

12 April 1944

MISSION NO: 257

GROUP 321st Bomb

NO A/C 27

SQUADRONS: 447-13, 446-12, 445-2.

TARGET: Bridges near Attigliano at A-585407 & A-586389.

TIME OFF: 0915

T.O.T. 1050

TIME DOWN 1210

AXIS OF ATTACK: 29 degrees

HEIGHT: 10/11000

PLANES LOST: None

BOMBS DROPPED: 103 x 1000

PLANES HOLED: 9

ESCORT: 12 Spits

ROUTE: N-1814, N-6055, M-9470, N-2255, H-0853, G-6292, B-3406, A-8509, A-5500,
A-4818 (I.P.), Target, B-0515, B-3406, G-6292, H-0853, N-2252, N-6052, Base.

WEATHER: Enroute & return - 3/10 Cumulus at 6000' - Vis 15 mi. Target CAVU.

FLAK: Heavy moderate to intense very accurate as to altitude at target with guns
seen between river and railroad about 1/2 mi. N. of rail junction. Heavy
meager to moderate accurate as to altitude from NE of Viterbo A-5170, from
Nw of target and from near Lugnano on turn off target.

ENEMY AIR: None

CLAIMS: None.

RESULTS: Good concentration reported on W pinpoint especially on N end of bridge
where there was a large explosion. On S. bridge bombs appeared more
scattered with possible hit on N end and on rail junction. One salvo due
to bombardier being hit by flak just before reaching target. Other bombs
short between river and railroad S. W of bridge and some near large bridge
crossing river on branch line to west.OBSERVATIONS: 40 cars approx. seen stationary at both Stmigliano and Narni yds.
At 1036 train of about 20/30 cars near A-8704 moving S. Going toward
Avezzano from Raiano, (G-8489) many vehicles - some large.

FLIGHT COMMANDERS: Col Smith and Lt Col Rimington.

FLIGHT LEADERS: Capt Bounds, Major Hunter.

NUMBER OF SORTIES: 27

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MALCOLM D. HAVEN,
Major, Air Corps,
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HEADQUARTERS 321ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) AAF
APO NO. 650
Office of the Operations OfficerDATE April 12, 1944MISSION REPORT

1. Number of Aircraft: 27
2. Take Off: Planned Time: 0914 Actual Time: 0914
3. Rendezvous: 0950 0954
4. On Course: Planned Time: 0955 Actual Time: 0954
5. Planned Route: Base to Capodichino to Castel d' Sangro to Ovindoli to Poggio Mirteto to 2 miles North of Lake Brocciano to Lake Vico to Target to 5 Miles South of Rieti to Ovindoli to Capodichino to Base.
6. Actual Route: Base to Volturno to Castel d'Sangro---then As Planned.
7. I. P.: Name: Lake Vico Planned Time: 1040 Actual Time: 1058
8. T.O.T.: Planned Time: 1044 Actual Time: 1102
9. Altitude of Attack: Planned: 10,000 - 10,500 Actual: 10,000-10,500
10. Axis of Attack and Break: Planned: 29° RIGHT Actual: 29° RIGHT
11. Explanation of why bombs hit outside target area: Bombardier hit by flak just prior to bomb release.
12. Flight Leaders: Pilot Capt. Bounds Bombardier Lt. Windler Flight Commander Col. Remington
Major Hunter Lt. Nicklaus Col. Smith
13. The drift, dropping angle, I.A.S., G.S. on bomb run:
Drift: 3° RIGHT Dropping Angle: 111/39.8 I.A.S.: 210
G.S.: 234
14. Length of bomb run in seconds: Variable 80 to 120--due to obscure target.
15. Number of bombs salvoed and reasons: (4) Release malfunction.
16. Number of bombs returned to Base and reasons: (4) Did not ~~have~~ release when indices met.
17. The type of bombing formations: Two flights of twelve---elements javelin down.
18. Intervalometer setting: Minimum
19. Comments: Two targets---1st flight North Target---2nd flight South target.

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Major, Air Corps,
Operations Officer.

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12 April 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 295)

1. Mission No. 294.
2. Target: Bridge Near Attigliano at A-585407 and A-586389.
3. Number and Type Aircraft Completing Mission: 27 B-25's.

4. Route Out:	Course	Distance	Time
	340	32	9
	275	22	6
	354	63	17 $\frac{1}{2}$
	315	37	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
	300	20	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
	275	31	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
	257	20	5
	342	12	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
	29	15	4

Assembly: 0945.

5. T.O.T.: 1050.

6. Route Back:	Course	Distance	Time
	121	32	8
	110	19	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
	120	20	5
	135	37	9
	174	63	15
	94	22	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
	160	32	8

7. Number and Type Escort: 12 Spitfires.
8. Bomb Load: 1000-lb. demolition.
9. Signals: Courthouse (B), Visor (F), Channel A.
10. SMITH.

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WILBURN ASBURY,
Major, Air Corps,
S-3.WILBURN ASBURY,
Major, Air Corps,
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Annex to Operations Order No. 295.

446th - A/C No. 42-32429

P. Maj. Hunter, W. C.
 CP. Col. Smith, R. H. CHQ\
 N. 2nd Lt. Franklin, A. E.
 B. 1st Lt. Nicklaus, G. E.
 E. S/Sgt. Brawn, T. H.
 R. T/Sgt. Todd, A. J.
 G. S/Sgt. Napoliello, L. B.

446th - A/C No. 41-13123

P. 1st Lt. Herbert, J. J.
 CP. 2nd Lt. Hollingworth, G. K.
 B. 2nd Lt. Johnson, H. W.
 E. Sgt. Clay, D. W.
 R. S/Sgt. Green, S. M.
 G. S/Sgt. Casper, H. G.

446th - A/C No. 41-30293

P. 1st Lt. LeClair, E. R.
 CP. 2nd Lt. Mickel, A. T.
 B. 2nd Lt. Wotkowicz, P. J.
 E. Sgt. Bober, Jr., J.
 R. T/Sgt. Leary, E. M.
 G. Sgt. Zeman, H. W.

446th - A/C No. 41-13200

P. 2nd Lt. Jordan, H. L.
 CP. 2nd Lt. Gibbons, G. H.
 B. 1st Lt. Rice, S. W.
 R. S/Sgt. Bufkin, F. P.
 E. Sgt. Kane, R. J.
 G. Cpl. Burrows, I. F.

446th - A/C No. 42-32446

P. 2nd Lt. Hodges, R. E.
 CP. 2nd Lt. Briles, C. O.
 B. 2nd Lt. Hughes, J. J.
 E. Sgt. Nigrelli, E. J.
 R. S/Sgt. Crozier, R. L.
 G. Sgt. Nemet, M.

446th - A/C No. 41-29995

P. 1st Lt. Morris, M. L.
 CP. 2nd Lt. Chudars, J. E.
 B. 2nd Lt. Reynolds, E. L.
 R. S/Sgt. Sweedler, M.
 E. Sgt. Schreiner, L. B.
 G. Sgt. Larson, R. L.
 OB. Lt. Col. Reichmann, P. J. (VI Corps)

445th - A/C No. 42-53373

P. 1st Lt. Waterman, L. R.
 CP. 2nd Lt. Wagner, G. W.
 B. 1st Lt. Monk, W.
 E. S/Sgt. Belt, H. C.
 R. T/Sgt. Johnson, H. C.
 G. Cpl. Weaver, D. W.
 OB. Capt. Swanberg, C. (93rd Inf Div)

446th - A/C No. 42-32403

P. 2nd Lt. Hawkes, L. R.
 CP. 2nd Lt. Mayfield, E. A.
 B. 2nd Lt. Mexal, G. J.
 E. Sgt. Leonard, M. B.
 R. S/Sgt. Harrison, H. V.
 G. Sgt. Lanza, W. A.

446th - A/C No. 42-64511

P. Capt. Cooper, P. T.
 CP. 2nd Lt. Holt, R. L.
 B. 2nd Lt. Mottley, J. F.
 N. 2nd Lt. Chapman, J. F.
 E. Cpl. Shellhamer, L. D.
 R. S/Sgt. Miles, W. J.
 G. Sgt. Foley, J. M.

446th - A/C No. 41-12963

P. 1st Lt. Hurley, J. R.
 CP. 2nd Lt. White, F. B.
 B. 2nd Lt. McRae, J. A.
 E. S/Sgt. Smith, C. M.
 R. S/Sgt. Bove, A. P.
 G. Cpl. Mittman, M. M.

446th - A/C No. 42-32394

P. 1st Lt. Walsh, G. F.
 CP. 2nd Lt. Fitzgerald, J.
 B. 2nd Lt. Farber, J. L.
 R. S/Sgt. Mygrant, R. F.
 E. Sgt. Zelnick, J. J.
 G. Sgt. Thornton, C. P.

446th - A/C No. 42-64509

P. 2nd Lt. Hipson, R. G.
 CP. 1st Lt. Walker, D. F.
 B. S/Sgt. Turner, A. B.
 E. S/Sgt. Hanley, Jr., J.
 G. S/Sgt. Velarde, J.
 R. T/Sgt. Orechia, J. R.

446th - A/C No. 42-64547

P. 1st Lt. Vivas, F. P.
 CP. 2nd Lt. Goff, L. R.
 B. 2nd Lt. Wilcox, H. B.
 E. P. F. C. Jacob, E. A.
 R. S/Sgt. Roulier, E. T.
 G. Sgt. Brown, R. M.

445th - A/C No. 42-64667

P. 1st Lt. Hinsley, M. D.
 CP. 2nd Lt. Cormier, E. O.
 B. 1st Lt. Yopez, O. W.
 E. S/Sgt. Cross, V. W.
 G. S/Sgt. Irvin, R. D.
 R. T/Sgt. Heinhbaugh, J. C.

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447th - A/C No. 42-32449

P. 2nd Lt. Dean, I. E.
 CP. 2nd Lt. Krafka, F.
 B. 2nd Lt. Spruill, M. L.
 E. Sgt. Partee, W. L.
 R. S/Sgt. Alpino, J. D.
 G. Sgt. Mango, V. A.

447th - A/C No. 42-64695

P. 1st Lt. Banks, H. J.
 CP. 2nd Lt. Kibler, W. E.
 N. 2nd Lt. Matthewson, M. K.
 B. 1st Lt. Jones, C. F.
 R. Sgt. Koecher, R. W.
 E. T/Sgt. Hubert, L. G.
 G. Sgt. Bushnell, J. L.

447th - A/C No. 42-64583

P. 1st Lt. Alger, L.
 CP. 2nd Lt. Heitman, W. F.
 B. 2nd Lt. Nelson, G. B.
 E. Sgt. Ford, L. W.
 R. T/Sgt. Williamson, M. O.
 G. Sgt. Bean, R. W.

447th - A/C No. 41-30538

P. 1st Lt. Davies, R. G.
 CP. 2nd Lt. Gillis, J. R.
 B. 2nd Lt. Martin, W. R.
 N. 2nd Lt. Lindell, H. N.
 E. Sgt. Quintenz, R. P.
 R. S/Sgt. Orloff, S.
 G. S/Sgt. Roberts, H.

447th - A/C No. 42-64512

P. 2nd Lt. Speer, M. L.
 CP. 2nd Lt. Nall, J. G.
 B. 1st Lt. Dean, G. J.
 E. S/Sgt. Escher, C. S.
 R. S/Sgt. Carlson, C. W.
 G. Sgt. Corkill, J.

447th A/C No. 42 - 53371

P. Capt. Bounds, T. C.
 CP. Lt. Col. Remington, P. H. (HQ)
 B. 1st Lt. Windler, J. H.
 N. 1st Lt. Olsen, S. P.
 E. S/Sgt. Beckhart, M. H.
 R. Sgt. Chatters, A.
 G. S/Sgt. Orcynski, H. E.

447th - A/C No. 41-13175

P. 1st Lt. Thomas, J. J.
 CP. 2nd Lt. Grimse, R. T.
 B. 2nd Lt. Rosenbledt, J. M.
 E. Sgt. Sheppard, L. E.
 R. S/Sgt. Free, P. L.
 G. Sgt. Rose, C. A.

447th - A/C No. 42-64559

P. 2nd Lt. Murray, R. E.
 CP. 2nd Lt. Christian, C. B.
 B. 2nd Lt. McCaleb, H. G.
 E. S/Sgt. Fisher, T. M.
 R. S/Sgt. O'Toole, J. M.
 G. Sgt. Fowler, H. E.

447th - A/C No. 41-12930

P. 1st Lt. Wiginton, J. M.
 CP. 2nd Lt. Swanson, R. H.
 B. 2nd Lt. Anderson, S. E.
 E. Cpl. Gillies, R. H.
 R. S/Sgt. Mathews, W. E.
 G. Sgt. Rogowski, E.

447th - A/C No. 42-64553

P. 1st Lt. Tompkins, H. D.
 CP. 2nd Lt. Nettles, F. J.
 B. 2nd Lt. Lundmark, N. J.
 E. Sgt. Collins, C. R.
 R. S/Sgt. Lafountain, N. E.
 G. Sgt. Blalock, J. T.

447th - A/C No. 42-32505

P. 2nd Lt. Button, E. J.
 CP. 2nd Lt. Derman, J. L.
 B. 2nd Lt. Adcock, L. E.
 E. Sgt. Baldrige, G. W.
 R. T/Sgt. Gayda, J. P.
 G. S/Sgt. Harriman, E. P.

447th - A/C No. 41 - 30557

P. 1st Lt. Stocking, E. E.
 CP. 2nd Lt. Metzger, J. E.
 B. 2nd Lt. Hoffman, W. C.
 E. Cpl. Tolleffson, W. J.
 R. S/Sgt. Bilshi, W. R.
 G. S/Sgt. Mitchell, R.

447th - A/C No. 42 - 64694

P. Capt. Claward, G. A.
 CP. 2nd Lt. Manz, W. A.
 B. 2nd Lt. Webb, J. A.
 R. S/Sgt. Vineski,
 G. Sgt. Burke, H. W.
 E. Sgt. Scarbarry, H. W.
 F. Cpl. Statum, A. P.

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April 18, 1946

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PRE-BRIEFING	447 th & 446 th	448 th & 445 th
BRIEFING	08:00	08:20
LEAVE OPERATIONS	08:30	
AT SHIPS	855	
START ENGINES	9:04	
TAXI OUT	9:09	2 1/2
TAKE-OFF	9:14	
ASSEMBLY	9:35	
RENDEZVOUS		
RENDEZVOUS		
SET COURSE	9:50	Maritime
TIME OVER TARGET	10:46	
E. T. A.	11:40	
FIGHTER CALL SIGN AND FREQUENCY	Longhorn Visor P47	Jockey - 3ps Mustard
BOMBER CALL SIGN		
BOMB LOAD		
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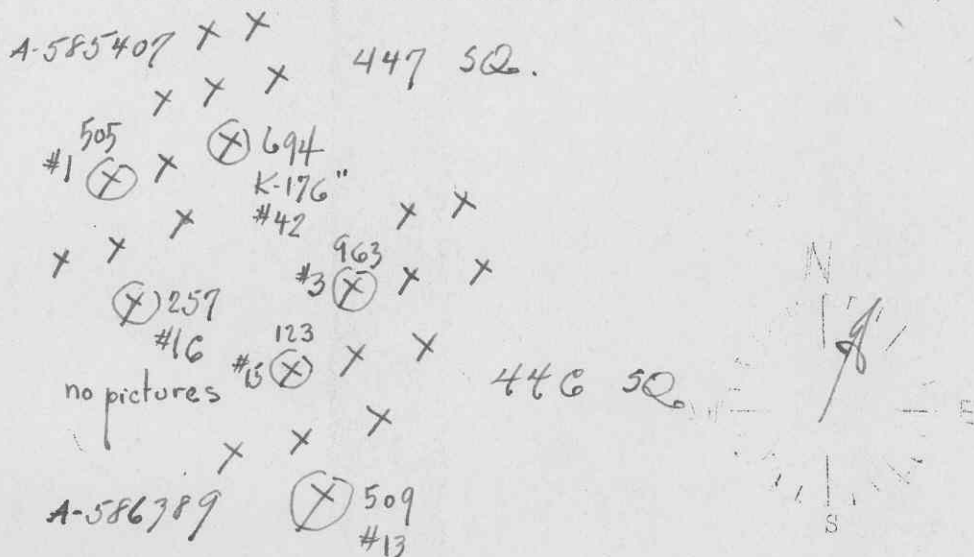
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BOMB DAMAGE REPORT ON: Communications

TARGET: R.R. Bridges A -585407; A-586389 COORDINATES

DATE & HOUR 12/4/44/10:50 PHOTOS NOS. SCALE: F.L. A.D.T. R.P.

POSITION OF CAMERAS IN FORMATION.



AXIS OF ATTACK

NO., TYPE & FUSING OF BOMBS DROPPED: 447-56 x 1000 lb; 446-47 x 1000 lb

NO. OF BOMB BURSTS VISIBLE ON PHOTOS: 447 -29 x 1000 lb ; 446 -24 x 1000 lb

FIRST PHASE INTERPRETATION:

R.R. BRIDGE A-585407

One concentrated string fell across the target scoring hits on the R.R. two other strings fell across the tracks at northern end of target probably scoring hits. Bombs from one aircraft fell on a tunnel near the entrance, 500 yds S/E of target.

R.R. BRIDGE A-586389

One string fell across the R.R. tracks at the junction point scoring two or more hits on track and hitting a string of 16 cars.

Two other strings of rolling stock were present at time of bombing, 14 and 30 wagons each.

Captain J.R. Henry
P.I. Officer

C.C. # 295.